

Ocean Blue Laser Coastal National Sailing Championship 2011- Day Four

Friday, 13th May 2011

The fourth day of the Ocean Blue Laser Coastal National Sailing Championship 2011 got underway at the Mumbai Harbor today with two races, as per schedule. Both races were sailed a westerly breeze of 10 knots, with gusts going upto 12 knots during the course of the race which made racing more physical today.

In Laser Standard category Army Yachting Node's (AYN) Rajesh Choudhary continued his brilliant leader to be at the top of the leader board for the 4th day in a row. Commenting on his performance, he said "I am happy with my performance and while there were some tense moments, overall I satisfied with the results in the event but I need to completely recover from my back injury for even better performances."

The Laser Radial saw Xerxes comfortably win the first race of the day. Falling short of the top position for the last few days, he was ecstatic with finally making it to the lead position. He said, "I managed to get a great start today and then it was smooth sailing for me. I do hope to continue this winning run for the last set of races." Rohini Rau continues to maintain the overall lead in the Radial category by the end of race no. 9.

The Laser 4.7 category again witnessed stiff competition through the day. The top position has been juggling between the three customary names of Chintan Chhatbar, Rufus Patrick and Upamanyu Dutta. Chintan managed to race past Upamanyu in the last leg to secure 1st place in race no. 9. Overall Chintan is at the top of the leader board after race no. 9.

Sheri Bamboat of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club (RBYC) was delighted with the competitive spirit shown by the young sailors. Commenting on their performance, he said "I am happy with the way I have sailed in the event as I did not practice much. I would have to think again about putting up a serious campaign for bigger international events in future. I strongly feel that I can do well at that level as well."

Provisional Results after completion of 9 races by Day four:

Laser Standard:

1. Rajesh Choudhary (AYN, Mumbai) - 9 Points
2. Gajendar Singh (AYN, Mumbai) – 20 Points
3. Harihara V (AYN, Mumbai) - 31 Points

Laser Radial:

1. Rohini Rau (RMYC, Chennai) - 19 Points



2. Ramesh Kumar (AYN, Mumbai) - 23 Points
3. Dharmendar Singh (AYN, Mumbai) - 27 Points

Laser 4.7:

1. Chintan Chhatbar (MYC, Mumbai) - 19 Points
2. Rufus Patrick (TNSA, Chennai) - 19 Points
3. Upamanyu Dutta (RBYC, Mumbai) - 31 Points

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